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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 26, 2005, for which the time period to respond extends to November 26, 2005, Applicants elect the invention of Group I (Claims 1-29) and the species directed to Figures 53 and 54 with traverse. The claims directed to the specie illustrated in Figures 53 and 54 are Claims 1-29.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider the Restriction Requirement since it appears that the subject matter defined within all the groups of claims are similar. Consequently, the field of search for each group should be essentially coextensive. Thus,

the burden on the Examiner will not be significant to maintain each group of claims in this application.

Should the Examiner have any further questions regarding the election, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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